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Inventors: Pope et al.

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**Response to Office Action**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

This paper is intended to be fully responsive to the office action mailed on October 23, 2001.

In the office action, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement directing the applicant to restrict the claims to a single species. The Examiner identified the species as follows:

Group I: claims 1-67.  
Group II: claims 68-100.

Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-67) without traverse. To the extent that the Examiner requires, Applicant further elects the sub-species including a mechanical grip between the diamond table and the substrate. Claims in Group I reading on this feature are claims 1-28, 33, 34, 60, 61, and 63-65.

Amendment

Please cancel claims 68-100 without prejudice.

Remarks

Applicant believes this is fully responsive to the office action.

Respectfully submitted this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.



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